

**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL  
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD**

**November 18, 2005**

Chairman Don Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He noted he had been reappointed to the Board. He polled the board to determine whether new officers should be elected. It was the unanimous decision to continue with the current officer slate.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present: Don Smith, Rex Morris, Frank Sturgeon, Eugene Reynolds, Phyllis Carruth and Marc Oudin. Also present were Assistant Attorney General Chilesa Ready; Executive Director, Tommy Reed; Board staff and members of the audience.

Following a review of the Board Minutes for October 14, Mr. Sturgeon noted the minutes failed to record public comments offered regarding certification of continuing education courses by the Executive Director. Mr. Reed noted the minutes also incorrectly reflected Ms. Ready's presence rather than that of Amy Ford, Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Reed explained that due to a problem with the microphone, no recording had been made of the meeting and he had transcribed the minutes from his notes and would make the corrections noted. Mr. Sturgeon moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Morris seconded. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Transfers/Suspensions/Reinstatements:**

A report was provided for information purposes: Six (6) transfer requests were submitted and approved during the month. There were six (6) agent terminations by the notice from the bond company. There were five (5) agent suspensions, one (1) by notice from the company. The company license of Liz & Stan Bail Bonds, Inc. was suspended for failure to satisfy forfeitures upon notice from the Board. Mr. Reed advised he had drawn against the company's security deposit for the full One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) dollars. One (1) bondsman voluntarily surrendered his license in lieu of disciplinary action by the Board. Chairman Smith invited comment or discussion. After discussion the Board proceeded.

**Forfeitures - Open:**

The Open Forfeiture Report was presented. The Chair invited comment or discussion. Mr. Reed noted two forfeitures listed were satisfied but were not deleted. Mr. Oudin mentioned a conversation he had with a district clerk who expressed frustration trying to comply with Board requirements for payment of forfeiture judgments. He noted she asked the Board for guidelines and procedures concerning show cause orders and entry of forfeiture judgments. There was considerable discussion with the result being that the Executive Director would contact the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Prosecutor Coordinator to see if there were reference materials he could make available to the clerks.

At the conclusion of the referenced discussion, the Chair called for motions. Mr. Oudin moved to suspend those licensees whose forfeitures were not timely paid between November 18, 2005 and the December board meeting. Mr. Sturgeon seconded. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

**Past Due Forfeitures:**

The Past Due Forfeiture Report was presented for review. The Chair invited questions, comments or discussion. There was discussion regarding the status of the \$100,000 judgment out of Ouachita Co. against Manuel Bail Bonds. There were no further comments and the Board proceeded.

**NEW BUSINESS****October Vouchers Paid & Financial Report:**

Chairman Smith invited questions and/or discussion regarding the vouchers paid in October. There were no questions or comments and the Board proceeded.

**License Approvals:**

Four (4) bondsman license applications and six (6) tentative bondsman applications were submitted for Board approval. Mr. Oudin moved to approve those applications as presented, pending receipt of necessary documentation on the tentative applications. Mr. Reynolds seconded. The Chair called for discussion or comments; hearing none, the matter was put to a vote. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

**Bondsman Application of Jeffrey Logue – Big Daddy Bail Bonds, Inc.**

The bondsman application of Jeffrey Logue was presented for Board consideration based on the results of the criminal background check. Documentation submitted by Mr. Logue was provided for the Board's information and Mr. Logue was present and responded to questioning by the Board. After discussion, the Chair put the approval of the application to a roll call vote. The license was denied by a vote of four (4) to deny the license and (2) to grant the license.

**Bondsman Application of Shawnetta Denise Martin – Z-Zoom, Inc.**

The bondsman application of Shawnetta Denise Martin was presented for Board consideration based on the results of the criminal background check. Documentation submitted by Ms. Martin was provided for the Board's information and Ms. Martin was present and responded to questioning by the Board. After discussion, the Chair put the approval of the application to a roll call vote. The license was approved by a vote of five (5) to approve and one (1) to deny.

**Bondsman Application of James Ray Spade – Ben's Bail Bonds**

The bondsman application of James Ray Spade was presented for Board consideration based on the results of the criminal background check. Documentation submitted by Mr. Spade was provided for the Board's information and Mr. Spade was present and responded to questioning by the Board. After discussion, the Chair put the approval of the application to a roll call vote. The license was approved by a vote of six (6) to approve and none opposed.

**Bondsman Application of Helen Elizabeth Viele – John Chism Bail Bonds, Inc.**

The bondsman application of Helen Elizabeth Viele was presented for Board consideration based on the results of the criminal background check. Documentation submitted by Ms. Viele was provided for the Board's information and Ms. Viele was present and responded to questioning by the Board. After discussion, the Chair put the approval of the application to a roll call vote. The license was denied by a vote of five (5) to approve and one (1) opposed.

**Hearings**

The hearing scheduled was continued by agreement of the parties. The Board directed Mr. Reed to set the matter for hearing before the end of the year. Mr. Reed noted an attorney representing one of the parties had advised him his calendar would not allow his presence at the meeting

scheduled for December 9. After discussion, it was decided the regularly scheduled meeting for December should be re-scheduled as needed to facilitate the hearing that was continued.

**Public Comments:**

Vice-Chairman Sturgeon opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments and the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for approval: This 18th day of November 2005, \_\_\_\_\_  
Don Smith, Chairman